

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 449 without my signature.

This bill would require the courts and probation officers to consider the educational needs of minors when considering the minor's disposition.

While I support reinforcing the importance of educational needs in the minor's disposition process, SB 449 would impose additional responsibilities on county courts and probation departments, and make current requirements redundant.

In addition, this bill will chapter out portions of a bill I signed, Assembly Bill 2795 which gives probation officers the full extent of the time needed to prepare an evaluation of a minor's needs prior to disposition. This is an important policy because it will ensure plans are individualized versus a one-size fits all approach.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this measure at this time.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger